



# Police Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 16

### PART II

#### CENTRAL SUPERVISION, DIRECTION AND FACILITIES

##### *Functions of Secretary of State*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>50A Regulations for police forces: ranks**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify the ranks that may be held by members of police forces, other than chief officers of police.
- (2) The ranks must include the rank of constable.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision that is consequential on, or incidental or supplemental to, regulations under subsection (1).
- (4) The power conferred by subsection (3) includes power to—
  - (a) repeal, revoke or otherwise amend legislation that (in relation to members of police forces in England and Wales) makes provision with respect to ranks that are not specified in regulations under subsection (1);
  - (b) make other amendments of legislation that are consequential on regulations under subsection (1).
- (5) In subsection (4), “legislation” means any provision of—
  - (a) an Act (including this Act),
  - (b) subordinate legislation within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978,
  - (c) an Act of the Scottish Parliament or an instrument made under such an Act,
  - (d) a Measure or Act of the National Assembly for Wales or an instrument made under a Measure or Act of that Assembly, or
  - (e) Northern Ireland legislation or an instrument made under Northern Ireland legislation.
- (6) Regulations under this section may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.

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for the Police Act 1996, Section 50A. (See end of Document for details)*

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(7) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different cases or circumstances.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 50A, 50B inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes) by [Policing and Crime Act 2017 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. 47, 183(1)(5)(e)

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